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(REPORT IN SLANTS. REMAINING INFO RELEASABLE TO LIAISON)

1. CONGO: LARGE AGITATION HAS DIED DOWN AT LEAST TEMPORARILY IN FACE OF STRONG ACTION AGAINST UNICE LEADERS BY THREE-MAN "EMERGENCY COMMITTEE" WHICH SEEMS TO BE BACKED LUSKOVILLE GOVERNMENT. ROLE OF FORMER ANGLA IN THIS DISTURBANCE IS CLOUDED. IT IS KNOWN THAT MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE DO NOT BELIEVE ANGLA WOULD BEHAVE FOR THE SITUATION AND IT APPEARS THAT HE IS BEING LARGELY IGNORED AT THE MOMENT, AT LEAST AS FAR AS DOMESTIC AFFAIRS ARE CONCERNED. REFRESH MINISTRE ARLEY IS THE TOP MAN OF THE COMMITTEE, BUT IF ANGLA WERE INVOLVED, A NEW STRUGGLE FOR LEADERSHIP ALMOST CERTAINLY WOULD FOLLOW.

2. DARGOZY: THE NEW MOVIE LEADED BY ARMY CHIEF OF STAFF COOLO IS TRYING TO STABILIZE THE SITUATION AND ESPECIALLY TO AVOID

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SERVICES CLASH BETWEEN BASICALLY ANTIPATHETIC NORTHERN AND SOUTHERN SECTIONS OF THE COUNTRY. FORMER DE-FACTO PRESIDENT MACA IS THEREFORE BEING RETAINED IN THE GOVERNMENT, EVEN THOUGH LARGE UNICE LEADERS HAD EARLIER FORCED HIM OUT. THE ORIENTATION OF THE NEW LEADERSHIP IS STILL TOWARD THE WEST BUT MACA'S OVERSTAY IS ANOTHER CLUE TO THE FARMS-ORIENTED AFRO-MALAGASY UNICE. ALREADY STARKEN BY THE UPROOT IN KRAKEVILLE LAST AUGUST. (CONT)

3. INDONESIA-MALAYSIA: //INDONESIAN COVERT OPERATIONS AND PROPAGANDA AGAINST MALAYSIA CONTINUE UNABATED WHILE THE FEDERATION CONTINUES TO RECEIVE POLITICAL AND MILITARY SUPPORT. IN SARAWAK AND SARAWAK AREA EACH SIDE IS ENHANCED IN REINFORCEMENTS AND LARGER CLASHES BEING LIKELY ALONG THE BORDER. IN SINGAPORE, NEAREST MALAYSIAN AREA HIT BY INDONESIA'S TRADE EMBARGO, STATE MINISTER LEE IS CONFIDENT HE CAN TRAVEL THE UNEMPLOYMENT AND ATTENDANT POLITICAL PROBLEMS. SOME OF CHINESE BUSINESS COMMUNITY ARE FORCED AND APPARENTLY WOULD LIKE TO SEE AN ACCOMMODATION WITH SINGAPORE, BUT ON THE WHOLE INDONESIAN PRESSURE SEEMS TO BE HAVING A UNIFYING EFFECT IN MALAYSIA.//

4. SOUTH VIETNAM: //NATIONAL DAY CELEBRATIONS ON 21 OCT PASSED

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AMONG THE MILITARY OVER NEWS POLICY TOWARD NORTH VIETNAM ARE INDICATIVE OF CONTINUING UNEASINESS. THE REGIME EVIDENTLY CONTINUES TO BRACE ITSELF FOR A REDUCTION OF US AID. VIET CONG ACTIVITY DURING THE PAST TWO WEEKS HAS INCREASED SLIGHTLY BUT CASUALTIES ON BOTH SIDES -- AND GOVERNMENT WEAPONS LOSSES -- ROSE SHARPLY AS A RESULT OF THE BATTLE AT LOC NHIEN IN THE DELTA ON 19 OCT.//

3. ALGERIA-MOROCCO: THE CEASE-FIRE AGREEMENT REACHED AT BAMAKO INVOLVES NO BASIC PROBLEMS BEHIND THE BORDER DISPUTE ALTHOUGH TEMPORARILY IT MAY SAVE FACE FOR BOTH BEN BELLA AND KING HASSAN. THE AGREEMENT, WHICH BECOMES EFFECTIVE 2 NOVEMBER, IS ALREADY SUBJECT TO DIFFERENT INTERPRETATIONS, SINCE MOROCCO STILL INSISTS ON SPECIFIC CONTINUATION ON THIS PARTICULAR BORDER PROBLEM, WHILE THE ALGERIANS WANT THE ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY TO DISCUSS ONLY GENERALITIES AND PRINCIPLES. THE OAU PREVIOUSLY PROCLAIMED ITSELF IN FAVOR OF MAINTAINING BOUNDARIES AS DRAWN BY THE EX-COLONIAL POWERS. BOTH SIDES CONTINUE TO LOOK FOR FOREIGN MILITARY ASSISTANCE -- FROM FRANCE AND THE WEST, ALGERIA FROM EGYPT, GOMA, AND THE U.S. -- AND EACH WILL REMAIN BASICALLY SUSPICIOUS AND HOSTILE TOWARD THE OTHERS' PERCEIVED OBJECTIVES.

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6. FRANCE: THE NATIONWIDE 24-HOUR RAIL STRIKE ON 23 OCTOBER WAS A MAJOR PART OF THE TRADE UNION EFFORTS TO PRESS THE GOVERNMENT TO LIBERALIZE ITS WAGE POLICY. THE GOVERNMENT HAS RAISED COST-OF-LIVING INCREMENT FROM THREE TO FOUR PERCENT THIS YEAR BUT LABOR IS RESTIVE AND THE MUCH-HERALDED STABILIZATION PLAN IS IN JEOPARDY. THE CURRENT UNREST IS GREATEST IN NATIONALIZED ENTERPRISES--I.E. AMONG RAILWAY AND MINE WORKERS AND CIVIL SERVANTS. (CONT)

7. BRAZIL: NEW LABOR TROUBLES IN BRAZIL ENDED THE RELATIVELY BRIEF PERIOD FOLLOWING PRESIDENT COULANT'S SHORT-LIVED DRIVE TO ESTABLISH A STATE OF SEIGNE OCT. THE POTENTIALLY CRITICAL SITUATION IN SAO PAULO RAISES POSSIBILITY OF SHOWDOWN BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT AND ANTI-COULANT FORCES. THE LATEST REPORTS ESTIMATE 30 PERCENT OF SAO PAULO INDUSTRIAL WORKERS ARE ON STRIKE AND SYMPATHY STRIKES HAVE BROKE OUT ELSEWHERE.

8. CUBA: THE VATICAN IS LIKELY TO RECEIVE A CAUTIOUSLY OPTIMISTIC REVIEW OF PROSPECTS FOR A MODERATE VIVENDI BETWEEN CASTRO REGIME AND CATHOLIC CHURCH FROM HIS HOLYNESS LATELY CHAIRMAN OF THE HOLY SEE'S COMMISSION IN HAVANA SINCE 1962. BUT IN 1963, HIS HOLYNESS LATELY

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BELIEVES HIS EFFORTS TO PROMOTE MORE COOPERATIVE CHURCH-STATE RELATIONS COULD BE SUCCESSFUL AND THERE IS NO REASON WHY THE CHURCH CANNOT FULFILL MORE EFFECTIVE RELIGIOUS MISSION IN CUBA. HE SEES AS NO STUMBLING BLOCK THE IRRECONCILABILITY OF THE CHURCH'S LONGER RANGE GOALS AND THE REGIME'S IDEOLOGY.

9 ITALY: DIFFICULT NEGOTIATIONS ON CABINET POSTS AND ON A LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM ARE IN PROSPECT AS SOCIALISTS (PSI) AND CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATS (CD) BEGIN TO FORM A CENTER-LEFT COALITION. OPPONENTS OF SUCH AN ALLIANCE HAVE A WIDE RANGE OF TACTICS AVAILABLE TO TRY TO BLOCK IT. SOCIALIST PIERO RENZI'S NEGOTIATION PRETEXT IS LIMITED BY RICCARDO LOMBARDI'S CONTROL OF 16 OF THE RENZI FACTION'S 59 SEATS ON PSI'S RECENTLY-ELECTED 101-MAN CENTRAL COMMITTEE. THIS WEEK'S SOCIALIST CONGRESS RESOLUTIONS INCLUDE FOREIGN POLICY RESERVATIONS AT WHICH CD OPPOSITION MAY BALK. (CONF)

10. DENMARK: PRIME MINISTER BRAGA SOCIALIST-RADICAL-LIBERAL COALITION GOVERNMENT-- A GENERALLY MODERATE POLITICAL GROUPING--MAY BE FORCED TO CALL EARLY ELECTIONS. THE GOVERNMENT HAS DEFEATED A SERIES OF NO-CONFIDENCE MOTIONS IN RECENT WEEKS BUT ITS MARGIN OF

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LEADERS THAT THE DISRUPTIVE EFFECTS OF A FORMAL CONDEMNATION OF THE CHINESE BOTH IN SOME FOREIGN COMMUNIST PARTIES AND IN THE MOVEMENT AS A WHOLE WOULD OUTWEIGH ANY ADVANTAGES MOSCOW MIGHT DERIVE FROM SUCH A CONFERENCE. (CONF)

13. COMMUNIST CHINA: PEIPING WHOSE ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE IN PAST YEARS HAS BEEN EXTENDED PRIMARILY IN ASIA IS NOW OFFERING INCREASED AID ELSEWHERE. SO FAR THIS YEAR ALL OF CHINA'S OFFERS TOTALING \$90 MILLION HAVE BEEN EXTENDED TO MIDDLE EASTERN AND AFRICAN COUNTRIES -- ALGERIA, SYRIA AND THE COMALI REPUBLIC. SOME OF THESE AS WELL AS EARLIER AID OFFERS TO OTHER COUNTRIES MAY HAVE BEEN MOTIVATED BY DESIRE TO MAINTAIN CHINESE "PRESENCE" IN THE FACE OF SOVIET AID OR TO EXPLOIT WHAT THE CHINESE BELIEVE TO BE FAVORABLE LOCAL CONDITIONS.

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